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City Begins Study to Check Aging Wastewater Lines

The City of San Marcos will begin a twelve month Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study to inspect and test approximately 26 miles of aging wastewater lines on Wednesday, November 3.

Uniformed inspectors will begin above ground manhole inspections and testing on Wednesday within local neighborhoods to include: Westover, Heritage, Dunbar, Southwest Hills, Oak Heights, Park Place, Weatherford Heights, Coers Street and Holland Street.

Residents should be aware of uniformed inspectors in their neighborhood in and around manholes sites. Entry on to private property should not be necessary.

Burgess and Niple, Inc. of Austin was awarded the \$278,211 contract by City Council in October and will complete inspection, testing and analysis of the wastewater system.

The Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study will identify sewer system deficiencies and allow city staff to proactively address utility improvements to alleviate stress on lift stations and the wastewater treatment plant.

This is the second SSES the City has conducted as recommended by the Wastewater Master Plan. The first study was completed in 2008 and included Downtown and the Victory Gardens neighborhood.

The upcoming manhole inspection schedule through February 2011 includes:

Nov. 2010: Above Ground Physical Inspection to locate sanitary sewer manholes in the project area and update city maps.

Dec. 2010 – Feb. 2011: Below Ground Physical Inspection to open manholes and inspect sewer lines.

A public meeting is planned for Thursday, December 2 at 6 p.m. in Room 2 at the San Marcos Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins Street, to detail additional 2011 evaluation study activities to local residents. Property owners within the study area will receive meeting notification by mail.

For more information on this project, please call the City of San Marcos Capital Improvements Department at 512.393.8130 or email cip@sanmarcostx.gov.

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